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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-37 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action mailed August 5, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 15-19, and 31-33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Admitted Prior Art (APA) in view of Davidson (USP 5,630,136). The Examiner next rejected claims 2 and 20-24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over APA in view of Davidson and further in view of Lee (Adding External Input Sources to the X Toolkit Even Loop). Furthermore, the Examiner indicated that claims 3-14 and 25-30 included patentably distinct subject matter but objected to these claims as depending from a rejected claim. Applicant appreciates the allowability of claims 34-37.

Regarding claim 1, Applicant has amended the claim to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claim 3 and amended claim 4 to depend from claim 1. As such, Applicant believes claims 1-2 and 4-17 are in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 18, Applicant has amended the claim to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 25. Accordingly, Applicant has canceled claim 25 and amended claims 26 to depend from claim 18. Applicant has amended claim 20 to clarify the invention. As such, Applicant believes claims 18-24, 26, and 31-33 are in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 27, Applicant has amended the claim to incorporate all previous limitations of independent claim 18 and is now in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant believes claims 27-30 are in condition for allowance.

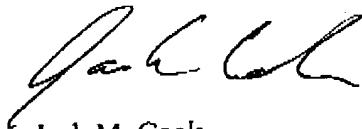
Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-2, 4-24, and 25-37. Applicant hereby authorizes the charging of \$88.00 to deposit account no. 07-0845 for fees associated with the independent claim newly entered.

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Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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